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SUBJECT: PREPCOM FOR SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CON-
FERENCE: FINNISH CANDIDACY

1. SUMMARY. FINNISH REP (RAJAKOSKI) ON FEB 11 HOSTED
LUNCHEON FOR REPS FROM ALL ADDRESSEE POST COUNTRIES,
PLUS SECGEN REP TO CCD (HYVARINEN), TO SPECIFICALLY
RAISE CANDIDACY OF FINNISH AMB PASTINEN AS THE CHAIRMAN
OF SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVCON COMMENCING JUNE 20.
ALTHOUGH NOTING PRESENCE OF POLISH REP (WYZNER), PREPCOM
CAHIRMAN, AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE, HE DETAILED REASONS WHY
PASTINEN WAS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE CHAIRMAN AND ASKED
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VIEWS OF OTHERS PRESENT. MOST REPS, WHILE PAYING RESPECT
TO PASTINEN'S CAPABILITIES, AVOIDED COMMITMENT. USSR
REP SPOKE IN TERMS OF DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH
FAVORED WYZNER. USREP STRESSED FACT INFORMALLY AGREED
FORMULA FOR APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION OF
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR CONFERENCE DID
NOT REQUIRE COMING TO CONCLUSION ON PRESIDENT AT THIS

MOMENT, THUS GIVING TIME FOR REFLECTION AND BETTER INDICATION OF SUPPORT FOR ONE OR ANOTHER CANDIDATE. END SUMMARY.

2. FINNISH AMB RAJAKOSKI HOSTED LUNCHEON FEB 11, LAST DAY OF PREPCOM, FOR REPS FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, POLAND, SWEDEN, USSR, US, YUGOSLAVIA, AND FINNISH AMB KYVARINEN AS UN SEC GEN REP TO CCD. ADDRESSING QUESTION OF TREATY REVCON PRESIDENCY DIRECTLY, RAJAKOSKI URGED SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF FINNISH AMB TO UN (PASTINEN) FOR HIS SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, OBJECTIVITY AND CAPACITY, AND HOPED HE WOULD FIND SUPPORT FROM COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT LUNCHEON PLUS OTHER ASSOCIATES. REFERRING TO RUMORS THAT THERE WERE UNNAMED SWISS AND IRANIAN CANDIDATES, HE SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY INQUIRED OF SWISS FOREIGN OFFICE AND IRANIAN AMB AND COULD STATE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION THESE GOVERNMENTS DID NOT SEEK PRESIDENCY OF CONFERENCE. WITH DEFERENCE TO POLISH REP (WYZNER), WHOSE EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN AMPLY DEMONSTRATED IN PREPCOM AS ITS CHAIRMAN, RAJAKOSKI NEVERTHELESS SAID HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT CONFERENCE ON IMPORTANT ARMS CONTROL SUBJECT SHOULD BE SHARED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF NON-ALIGNED OR NEUTRAL COUNTRY.

3. IN RESPONDING TO FINNISH REP'S REQUEST FOR VIEWS, SOVIET REP UNDERScoreD IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGEABLE AND OBJECTIVE SKILLS, OF KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AS DEVELOPED IN PREPCOM, AND SKILLS IN INDUCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT AMONG DIVERSE PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH CONFERENCE, AS HAD BEEN SO AMPLY DEMONSTRATED BY POLISH REP AS CHAIRMAN OF PREPCOM. SWEDISH REP SUPPORTED PASTINEN AS SCANDINAVIAN; CANADIAN REP SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH PAYING TRIBUTE TO OBJECTIVITY OF WYZNER AS DEMONSTRATED IN PRESENT MEETING; MOST OF OTHER REPS EITHER DID NOT INDICATE VIEWS OR SPOKE IN TERMS OF QUALITIES NEEDED FOR REVCON CHAIRMANSHIP, RATHER THAN SPECIFIC CANDIDATE. USREP REFERRED TO FORMULA WHICH HAD JUST BEEN INFORMALLY AGREED TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AT REVCON WHICH, AMONG OTHER ASPECTS, AVOIDED NEED TO REACH DECISION AT THIS MOMENT ON CONFERENCE PRESIDENT; SINCE FORMULA REQUIRED THAT HE BE INCLUDED WITHIN HIS REGIONAL GROUP, WHATEVER THIS WAS. HENCE, THERE WAS TIME FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION AND FURTHER REFLECTION, PARTICULARLY SINCE MOST PREPCOM REPS WOULD BE AT FORTHCOMING CCD MEETINGS OR OTHERWISE

AVAILABLE. HE HOPED THERE COULD BE A REASONABLE CONSENSUS ON APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE, ACHIEVED IN MOST AMICABLE FASHION POSSIBLE. OTHERS AGREED TO DEFER CONSIDERATION AND MUTUALLY CONSULT.

4. COMMENT: PASTINEN'S CANDIDACY, IS FORMALLY IF HAM-HANDEDLY LAUNCHED. SOV REP HAS INFORMALLY BUT REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR WYZNER AND, AS REFTEL INDICATED, CANADIAN REP SEES ADVANTAGES IN HAVING EASTERN EUROPEAN AS OBJECTIVE AND AS PROFESSIONAL AS WYZNER AS REVCON CHAIRMAN SINCE THIS WOULD PROVIDE GOOD ARGUMENT FOR WESTERN CANDIDACY IN NEXT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COMPETITION. OTHER EASTERN EUROPEANS HAVE ALSO INFORMALLY STATED SUPPORT FOR WYZNER, WHO HAS INSISTED TO USREP THAT THIS REALLY WAS NOT A CANDIDACY WHICH HE HIMSELF HAD PROPOSED. USDEL WILL BE HEARING FROM OTHER PREPCOM MEMBERS, DURING NEXT WEEKS, IN INFORMAL CCD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENVIRONS, AND WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER ADVICE FROM DEPARTMENT. CATTO

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